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Al-Qadhdhafi Addresses Nation 16 April
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[Speech by Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi on 16 April; place of speech not given — live or recorded]

[Text] [Al-Qadhdhafi appears on screen seated, wearing a white military uniform with medals arrayed on his chest; throughout the speech he does not look at the television camera] [no audio signal]...The patriotic songs and the appeals, these things have tensed the nerves of people very much. The Americans [words indistinct] We have munitions stockpiled like mountains. We fight them with 1 million fighters and the Arab nation, Africa, the Third World — all the forces of liberation have expressed readiness to fight with us. Thousands have (?expressed readiness) to volunteer. It would be impossible for them to settle over the Libyan land. It will become a hell under their feet [words indistinct].

But the Americans fight us through raids, [they open fire from across the sea] I do not want you to give such a value. The whole action was a failure. If raids take place we shall confront them with every firmness and courage and inflict on them heavy losses [words indistinct].

I mean the radio should (?calm) people's nerves with songs and long monologues [words indistinct]. Life is in the hand of God. The whole raid, I mean [words indistinct] 33 aircraft. This is unbelievable. One hundred fighter aircraft, 33 attack aircraft, [words indistinct] aircraft for midair refuelling. All this concentration was on the house and tent and to hell with [word indistinct] force. What God has decreed will happen. He did not expect that this attack by 33 aircraft on the home of Al-Qadhdhafi would leave Al-Qadhdhafi alive. Generally, we are not discussing the U.S. attitude because it is a mad attitude and [despicable]. [words indistinct].

If there are any living forces in America, then Reagan's government should collapse, and he should be put on trial as a war criminal and murderer of children. This is because Reagan has issued the orders to his armed forces to kill our children. On the other hand, we have not issued any orders to murder anybody. Even those who carried out operations in Europe are unknown persons. Who knows them? Perhaps the U.S. intelligence carried out these operations. Possible a Palestinian carried them out. Anybody else could have carried out these operations. But he now in front of the whole world is announcing arrogantly and insolently and inhumanely that he gave his orders to murder the children of Al-Qadhdhafi and to murder the children of the Libyans. Therefore he is now proven guilty of issuing orders to regular forces to murder children and attack houses. We have not issued any orders for murdering anybody but we are inciting revolution. Inciting revolution and establishing popular revolution everywhere in the world is one of our aims [words indistinct].

We will never abandon the uniting of the Arab nation, and the

raids will not make us abandon this call, which concerns only us and does not concern the Americans or anybody else in the world.

We will not abandon the struggle for the liberation of Palestine. The raids will never make us abandon this whatever they might be.

We will not abandon the incitation for the popular revolution whatever raids they carry out and we will not stop the incitation. In fact we incite revolution, and we insist on revolution.

It appears that the sound at the beginning was not clear. I repeat. I said calm people's nerves with this patriotic song, this enthusiasm. When the Americans attack Libyan territory, we will oppose them; we will chant slogans, and burning fire will start beneath their feet and on their bodies. I said we have plenty of goods which are stocked like mountains; we will fight them with 1 million fighters, and millions others are ready to fight on our side. But now they are [words indistinct] like you launching raids, long aircraft from beyond the sea. I told about the raid in which 33 aircraft were used against my house. It was aimed at hitting Al-Qadhdhafi. When they failed they had to do something. I think [words indistinct] I told them 33 aircraft shelled my house — 33 aircraft. They were escorted by 100 escort aircraft. Thirty aircraft were refuelling them, 33 aircraft took part in the real attack on the house and the tent. [Word indistinct], whatever God wants will happen. Therefore, I said switch the lights on, play songs, dances, let music bands play in the streets while the lights are switched on, and let them raid us. Thirty-three aircraft raided my house, what happened? If they raid us while we are in our fields, welcome. I salute every martyr on this soil, may God grant him peace. If we have made the revolution [word indistinct] it is not based on killing, any operation which took place in the past or will take place, it is an individual operation. The one who carried it out is the only one responsible for it. But the revolution is happening and we are responsible for it. We incited the revolution in Sudan and we did not say that we are not responsible to America or anyone else. The penguin [Numayri] fell and the revolution took place in Sudan.

We are still continuing to incite the revolutionary unity, the liberation of Palestine and on strongly standing with peoples who are fighting for freedom. This is our case.

Whether the raids increase or not, whether they become crazy or not, we will never retreat. In front of the world now, the murderers are Thatcher and Reagan, the murderers of children. If there are human and living forces, then the government of Thatcher should collapse and she should be put on trial as a murderer of children, and Reagan's administration should also collapse and in addition to this he should be put on trial as a murderer of children, because they are the ones who issued the orders to murder the children in front of the whole world.

We have struck at the south of Italy, on the island of Lampedusa, and we destroyed the telecommunications stations of the U.S. 6th Fleet. I mean that we struck at Italian territory, in southern Italy, the island. At that time I was still escalating military operations in the south of Europe, and I also wanted to announce an exclusion zone in the Mediterranean region and to stop aviation and shipping, but I received a flood of appeals from the heads of

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foreign states and friendly states asking me not to carry out this escalation. All the European countries, including Malta, played a very important mediatory role, and all the friendly European countries, especially those on the south Mediterranean [as heard], asked me to stop this escalation because that would destroy our interests, and this is what America wants. What Reagan wants is to destroy the interests of the Arabs and the Europeans. They said: That man is crazy and let him [words indistinct].

In fact, because of this I decided not to escalate military operations in southern Europe, but we are able to do it at any moment. I averted the Mediterranean from the state of war, the war against the [word indistinct] civilian and military [words indistinct]. They asked me to [word indistinct] these planes, goods, (?cargo), and people. I received letters from heads of friendly and neutral states. They asked me not to take this escalating step. In appreciation of the international situation, and in appreciation of the stands of Italy, France, Spain, and Greece, these friendly countries, and also Malta, I decided not to include the Mediterranean region in the exclusion zone and not to escalate military operations in southern Europe. But Italy and Spain will have to stop the U.S. 6th Fleet from now on, from any presence in their ports and from launching raids from these ports, otherwise we will be forced to escalate the operations in self-defense. But this time, as a result of that Tripoli [word indistinct] Italian in southern Italy, but Italy contacted us and its stance is good. In fact, all the Europeans say that he [Reagan] is a madman and do not punish us for what he [words indistinct].

The foreigners in Libya are free. Those who want to leave can leave, and those who want to stay can stay in peace. We need them and they need us. They should not listen to the propaganda of the insignificant and the insane. They are trading in this propaganda.

They said Reagan has increased the guards around his children. But we say to him it is not our nature to launch a war against children. Let him remove the guards from around his children and let them walk in the streets as normal, because we are not murderers of children. We are not cowards who murder the children and the helpless. He is helpless. He is an old man [words indistinct]. Whether his children are young or old, they are innocent and have nothing to do with the matter.

If he has killed our children he believes that we are going to deal with him on a reciprocal basis, to sink to his level; and the words [words indistinct] that he had said. I am still looking for a trivial actor like him to answer him, because I am Mu'ammr al-Buninyar al-Qadhafi, the Arab, and my morale, my civilization, and the values of my nation do not permit me to sink to the level of a trivial actor called Reagan who came yesterday and will be going tomorrow.

I believe that, if a dynamic force exists, he and Thatcher will fall because they have killed children.

I want the radio to turn to a call for Arab unity; yes, a call now for Arab unity, because in reality this struggle [words indistinct], struggle between the strong American nation and a disparate Arab nation. We might become like America and possess aircraft carriers and all this force, but with unity. Therefore, this is in

reality an historic occasion offered to us by this blatant aggression, so that we may know where strength lies. Strength lies in unity.

Therefore, Libyan radio must call on the Arab nation for an immediate unity. Every state, if unity [word indistinct] must agree to unity. I expect that the Sudanese people will impose unity. Today, great, very great demonstrations were staged in Sudan and they called for severing everything with America, [words indistinct] the American Embassy.

Naturally, I am not calling for the killing of innocents, the embassies [as heard], and the people living in our countries; I am calling for revolution, and he who stands in the way of revolution must be annihilated. Reagan can lift the protection of his children and family for we are not child-killers like him; we are responsible for the revolution and we incite it, and no one can make us change course.

The Arabs are required to cut off relations with America, economic and political relations. I mean the Arab masses must put pressure for a boycott of America, its goods, and everything because it is a state that has gone beyond the limits and killed our children.

The Arab masses, demonstrations — this is what Brother Haydar [word indistinct] told me. He even told me the song but I forgot it, Libya [words indistinct]. A very brilliant thing [words indistinct]. Tunisia, today I heard of the demonstrations and the clashes that took place calling for a boycott of America. This means one Arab people from the ocean to the gulf against America and with us. We are now indeed undeniably leading the Arab masses. Libya [words indistinct] but it is an honor at the same time. Because, imagine if a Libyan, one of you, was hurt, see America [word indistinct]. The size of this huge raid in order to (?eliminate) a person called so and so among the Libyans, among the Arabs. [Words indistinct] the Arab presidents and kings, they all contacted me. Not a single day passes without them contacting me several times. They all call — I did not ask them — but they all called for the convening of an extraordinary Arab summit which could be held in a day or two, an extraordinary Arab summit, to stand by you, the Libyan people, against this flagrant aggression. Africa, the African presidents said that volunteers were at my disposal. They formed political groupings, (?the revolutionary African presidents) from among them said you wage the military battle and we shall wage the political battle in your place. The Arab presidents — indeed President Chadli, President Hafiz, President Haydar al-'Attas, they contact themselves without me requesting this from them. How many days and times they contacted other Arab presidents and said we shall (?look after) the political aspect?

I believe that the Arab states which have an economic potential will participate with us in financing the battle [word indistinct]. This is a great thing but the Arab masses have to put pressure for the emergence of unity. Actually, without unity our fate is in real danger. Arab unity should emerge immediately. It is possible that after the (?elections) in Sudan and the formation of the new regime, unity will emerge right away between Sudan and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as desired by the Sudanese people and should emerge between Libya and Algeria

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as desired by the Algerian people, as decided by the Algerian people in the Algerian National Charter. And between Libya and Syria, unity actually exists. It only needs a political declaration.

Our brothers in Morocco are (?joined) by the Oujdah Treaty, that is, the African-Arab Union. This is an (?opportunity) for the Moroccan people (?to participate in the fighting). Naturally, Morocco does not possess aircraft carriers or [words indistinct]. They have (?the men who are ready). [words indistinct]

Contacts nowadays are continuous. They have been contacting one another all for our sake. They have contacted us a number of times [words indistinct]. It has become a pan-Arab operations room. [words indistinct]

We declare to America and to the entire world (?our responsibility) for the revolution. The Libyan people are shouldering the task of combating colonialism and imperialism and the cause of freedom, unification of our nation, the liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea and from north to south. The raids will not abolish these historic choices [words indistinct].

Even if America drops atom bombs on us we are ready. We are ready to die [words indistinct]. God is greater than America and greater than (? its might). This is a great thing. A small nation like Libya finds itself in opposition to the NATO alliance, Great Britain, the United States, the fleets, warships. The American military ask him: Give us more aircraft carriers so that they can attack Libya. The Americans are tired; They have aerial umbrellas over the aircraft carriers; they look as if they are engaged in a third world war against the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact. They announce that the warplanes have taken off from Ohio state and from Britain and that France forced them to fly 4,000 km because they were not allowed to fly over France. We must appreciate this French stand. France banned the over-flight and compelled him to travel 4,000 km and they were refueled a number of times.

Generally, we are not one of those countries which turns the lights out. We light our streets and we sing and go about our business. If they attack us while we are at home we are ready. We are ready to fight and are ready to die. My speech is short (? this time) on television. God is great! Revolutionary information and struggle (?continue!)

Announcer Read 'Text'

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["Text" of speech by Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhafi delivered over Libyan radio and television on 16 April — read by announcer]

[Text] I call on you to calm down and reduce the number of patriotic songs. I want to assure you that when the Americans land on Libyan territory, we will resist them, broadcast patriotic songs, and make the land burn under their feet and over them. We possess all types of ammunition. They are stockpiled like mountains. We can fight them with 1 million fighters and we have with us millions of people who are ready to fight. But, the

rod of the coward is long, as I told you. They are fighting us now from overseas by launching raids with long-range aircraft.

I have explained to you the raid by 33 aircraft against my house. I explained that its purpose was to hit Al-Qadhafi; they failed. Imagine, they used 33 aircraft to bomb my home. These aircraft were protected by 100 fighter planes, according to what they have said, and 30 planes were used to refuel them. The number of aircraft that carried out the actual attack on the house and the tent was 33. They achieved nothing and were driven away. What did they accomplish? Whatever God wants will happen.

For this reason I say: Turn on the lights, play songs, and dance. I call on the song and music band to go out into the streets. If they want to raid us, let them raid us in the streets and squares. Didn't they raid my home with 33 aircraft? What happened? If they raid us in our squares, they are welcome. We hail every martyr who dies on his land.

If there is any living force in America, it should bring down the Reagan government. He must be put on trial as a war criminal and murderer of children, because Reagan has issued orders to his armed forces to kill our children. We have not issued orders to murder anybody. Those who carried out operations in Europe are unknown. Perhaps U.S. intelligence, or a Palestinian, or someone else carried out these operations. But, Reagan arrogantly and inhumanly announces to the world that he gave orders to murder the children of Al-Qadhafi and to murder the children of the Libyans. Therefore, he is now proven guilty of issuing orders to regular forces to murder children and attack homes. We have not issued orders to murder anybody. We are inciting revolution, and we are instigating revolution and the establishment of popular revolution everywhere in the world. Raids will never end this.

We will never abandon efforts to unite the Arab nation; the raids will not make us abandon this call, which concerns only us and does not concern the Americans or anybody else in the world.

We will not abandon the struggle for the liberation of Palestine. The raids will never make us abandon this struggle whatever they might be.

We will stop not inciting popular revolution whatever raids they carry out; we will not stop. We are responsible for the revolution, and they cannot make us abandon it. We are not responsible for the murders. Any operation that took place in the past or will take place is an individual operation, and the one who carries it out is the only one responsible. But, when revolution happens, we are responsible. We incited the revolution in Sudan, and we did not evade this responsibility in the eyes of America and the rest of the world. The appendage [Numayri] fell off and the revolution took place in Sudan.

We are continuing to urge revolution and unity, and the liberation of Palestine; we stand firmly with people who are fighting for freedom. This is our cause.

Whether the raids increase or not, we will not retreat. We will not retreat in the face of raids. In the eyes of the world, Thatcher and Reagan are the ones who murdered the children. If there are

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human, living forces, they should bring down Thatcher's government and she should be put on trial as a murderer of children. Likewise, Reagan's administration should be brought down and he should be put on trial as a murderer of children, because they are the ones who murdered the children in front of the whole world.

We have struck at the south of Italy, on the island of Lampedusa. We destroyed the telecommunications stations of the U.S. 6th Fleet. We struck at Italian territory, in southern Italy. I was determined to escalate military operations in southern Europe, and I wanted to declare war [as heard] in the Mediterranean and to stop aviation and shipping. However, I have received a flood of appeals from the heads of foreign states and friendly states asking me not to carry out this escalation. All the European countries, particularly Malta, which played an active role, and all the friendly European countries, particularly those bordering the south Mediterranean [as heard], have asked and appealed to me not to escalate the situation, because this would destroy their interests and our interests — and this is what America wants. What Reagan wants is to destroy the interests of the Arabs and the Europeans. They said: That man is crazy and he will go.

In fact, because of this, I decided not to escalate military operations in southern Europe, though we are able to do that at any moment. In so doing, I have spared the Mediterranean region a state of war and a ban on civilian and military ships and planes passing through it. They asked me and said that they carry goods, passengers, and people. I received many letters from heads of friendly and nonaligned states. They appealed to me not to escalate the situation. In appreciation of this, and in appreciation of the stands of Italy, France, Spain, and Greece, these friendly countries, together with Malta, I decided not to include the Mediterranean region in the exclusion zone and not to escalate military operations in southern Europe. But from now on Italy and Spain will have to stop allowing the U.S. 6th Fleet to stay in their ports and to launch raids from these ports. Otherwise, we will be forced to escalate the operations in self-defense. Although we hit an Italian island in southern Italy, Italy is our friend and its stand has been good. In fact, they always tell us that this is a madman. God, do not punish us for what the foolish among us do.

The foreigners in Libya are free. Those who want to leave for their countries can leave. Those who want to stay can stay in peace. We need them and they need us. They should not listen to the propaganda of the insignificant and the criminal who use them.

They said that Reagan has increased the guard around his children. But we say that it is not in our nature to kill children. He should remove the guard from around his children and let them walk in the streets freely, because we are not murderers of children. We are not cowards who murder children and the helpless. He is a helpless old man. Whether his children are young or old, they are innocent and have nothing to do with the matter.

Since he has killed our children, he thinks that we are going to deal with him in a similar way, and sink to his level. As for the filthy words he used, I can find a trivial actor like him to respond, because I am Mu'ammr Buminyar al-Qadhafi, the Arab, and my ethics, my civilization, and the values of my nation do not

permit me to sink to the level of a trivial actor like Reagan, who came yesterday and will be going tomorrow.

I believe that, if dynamic forces exist, he and Thatcher will fall, because they killed children.

I want the radio to call for Arab unity; yes, a call for Arab unity, because, in reality, this is a power struggle between two nations — the American nation, which is strong, and the Arab nation, which is dismembered. We might become like America and possess aircraft carriers and all this force, but with unity. Therefore, this is, in reality, a historic occasion offered to us by this blatant aggression so that we may know where strength lies. Strength lies in unity.

Therefore, the Libyan radio must call on the Arab nation for immediate unity. Every state must be ready for unity and ready to endorse unity. I expect that the Sudanese people will establish unity. Today, very large demonstrations were staged in Sudan calling for breaking off with America, until the prime minister addressed the demonstrators and calmed them down. He told them: We are with our brothers in Libya [words indistinct] the American Embassy.

Of course, I do not call for the killing of innocent children, the embassies, and the people present. [sentence as heard] I am calling for revolution, and he who stands in the way of the revolution must be annihilated. Reagan should remove the guard around his children and family for we are not murderers of children like he is. We are responsible for the revolution and we incite revolution, and no one can deflect us from this course.

The Arabs must break off economic and political relations with America. This means that the Arab masses must exert pressure for a boycott of America, its goods, and everything, because it is a state that has exceeded its limits by killing our children.

Brother Haydar al-'Attas telephoned me to report on demonstrations by Arab masses in Aden today. He told me that the demonstrators were singing a song, which I have forgotten. Libya is a brilliant thing. The masses wrote the song and then sang it during the demonstrations. I also heard today about the demonstrations and clashes which have taken place in Tunisia. The demonstrators were calling for a boycott of America. This exemplifies one Arab people from the ocean to the gulf. They are all against America and with us. We are now undeniably leading the Arab masses. The scope and results of the raid were a ghastly thing. At the same time, however, this raid was an honor. Imagine, a Libyan citizen — and I am one of you — a simple person, being the target of such a huge American raid designed to kill a person called so and so among the Libyans and Arabs. By God, this is a glory for you.

Despite all the prevailing circumstances, Arab presidents and kings are in daily contact with me. Not a single day passes without them contacting me several times. Without asking, they have called for the convening of an extraordinary Arab summit, which could be held in a day or two, to stand with you, with the Libyan people, against this flagrant aggression. The African presidents have said that volunteers are at my disposal. Revolutionary African presidents have formed political groupings.

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They have said that you wage the military battle and we will wage the political battle on your behalf. The Arab presidents — President Chadli Bendjedid, President Hafiz al-Asad, President Haydar al-Attas — have been in touch with each other without me having requested this from them. They have affirmed that they will assume responsibility for the political aspect. I think that Arab states with political [as heard] capabilities will participate with us in the battle we are waging, and this is something great.

However, the Arab masses will have to exert pressure for the establishment of unity. Actually, without unity our fate is in real danger. Arab unity must be established immediately. After the results of the elections in Sudan become known, and after the new regime is formed, unity between Sudan and Libya should be established immediately. This is desired by the Sudanese people. Unity should be established between Libya and Algeria. This is desired and has been decided by the Algerian people in the Algerian National Charter. Unity actually exists between Syria and Libya; it only needs a political declaration.

Our brothers in Morocco [are joined with Libya by] the Oujdah Treaty, which is the Arab-African Union. Moroccan people everywhere are with you, of course. Morocco does not possess aircraft carriers, but it does possess men who are ready. Moroccan blood is not more precious than Libyan blood. This is indeed a great thing. Contacts are continuing daily. They are getting in touch with each other, all for our sake. They contact us every day. The moment I hang up the telephone, I receive another call. It has become a pan-Arab operations room.

Switch on all the lights. The fervor on the radio must be used to call for unity, the need to establish unity, and the need to boycott the enemies.

We declare to America and to the entire world our responsibility for the revolution, for fighting imperialism and colonialism, for the cause of freedom and the unification of our nation, and for the liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea and from the north to the south. Raids cannot end these historic choices.

Even if America drops atom bombs on us, we are ready to die on our land. There is no power on earth that can stand against the power of God. God is greater than America and greater than NATO. This is a momentous thing. A small state like Libya finds itself suddenly opposing NATO, Great Britain, the United States of America, the fleets, and warships. The American military ask him [Reagan]: Give us more aircraft carriers if you want us to attack Libya. The Americans are tired. They have air umbrellas over the aircraft carriers. They look as if they are engaged in a third world war against the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact. They announce that the warplanes have taken off from the state of Ohio and from Britain, and that France has forced them to fly 4,000 km. We must appreciate the stand taken by France. France banned overflights and compelled planes to travel 4,000 km and be refueled several times.

Yes, we are asking that lights be switched on and that people dance in the streets, sing, and go about their business. If they attack us while we are in our homes, then we are ready to fight and are ready to die. How often it has been shown that a small

group has overcome a large group with God's help. God supports those who are patient. Go forward, and the struggle will continue.

BBC Correspondent on Effect of Speech
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[From the "24 Hours" program]

[Text] First, we deal with the situation in Libya where Colonel al-Qadhafi has made his first public appearance since American air attacks 2 days ago. His appearance on television has ended speculation about his own personal safety following the bomb attack on his home which killed his adopted daughter and injured two of his sons. Yesterday, there was also speculation that a coup attempt against Col al-Qadhafi was under way with reports on gun fire and unexplained disturbances in Tripoli, but the Libyans have firmly denied this. To find out whether the Libyan leader's television address has defused any of the tension inside Libya, Mann Price spoke a short time ago to one of the BBC's correspondents in Tripoli, David Willie.

[Begin recording][Willie] Well, it had the curious and absolutely immediate effect of causing some demonstrations in the street outside our hotel of young men who were dancing and carrying lights and calling for the lights to be put on, because in his speech the colonel said: We are not one of those countries which turn off their lights, we light our streets and we sing and go about our business, and this is what they were trying to show was the correct attitude now, they realized that there was to be no further retaliations by the colonel in a military sense and, therefore, the risks of a general conflict, perhaps, has diminished.

[Price] So, there wasn't any indication in the colonel's speech that the conflict might actually escalate, that there might more Libyan retaliation;

[Willie] Well, he did say that there had been a sort of peace initiative. He didn't reveal the identity of the country or countries which took part in this, but he did say that he had been considering setting up a zone of exclusion in the Mediterranean Sea but that for the moment, providing that the Americans were not allowed to carry out warlike activities from Italy and Spain, he will not do this. In other words, he suggests that behind the rhetoric, there is a note of caution.

[Price] Now, yesterday there were reports of gun fire in and around Tripoli, have there been any more incidents like that during the night?

[Willie] There was a very heavy artillery barrage just after nightfall. It seemed to be concentrated north of the harbor. I heard quite heavy artillery, anti-aircraft guns blazing away. I can only presume that there was another air alert, that the radar picked up some American aircraft. We have received no official report as to actually what happened.

[Price] Meanwhile, the Americans are saying that while Col al-Qadhafi's television appearance proves that he has survived the bombing, it doesn't prove that he is still fully in charge of the